

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
VS.	§	CRIMINAL NO. H-10-795 (02)
	§	
RICARDO HUERTA	§	

ORDER OF DETENTION PENDING TRIAL

On December 6, 2010, this Court conducted a Hearing on the Government's Motion to Detain **Ricardo Huerta**, and three of his co-Defendants, in the above-styled and numbered cause. The Government appeared by attorney and announced ready; the Defendants appeared in person and by counsel and announced ready. The Government offered the testimony of Mickey Teague, a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Agency. The Defendants each offered testimony of family members and proffers. The Court also made the Pretrial Services report, which recommended a Bond for each of the Defendants, a part of the record for purposes of the Detention Hearing only. Having now considered the evidence, the recommendations of the Pretrial Services Officers, and the arguments of counsel, this Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

1. That pursuant to the Indictment there is probable cause to believe that **Ricardo Huerta** has committed a drug offense with a maximum penalty of ten years or more confinement, see 18 U.S.C. § 841, see also United States v. Trosper, 809 F.2d 1107, 1110 (5th Cir. 1987);
2. That by virtue of the foregoing finding a rebuttable presumption was created in favor of **Huertas'** detention, 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e);

3. That the drug trafficking offenses charged by the Indictment were of a substantial and continual nature, in fact, **Huerta** admitted that he had been involved in the drug trafficking of his father and co-Defendant, Hilario Huerta, for as long as he could remember;
4. That the strength of the Government's case is substantial given the undercover purchase of approximately 1kilogram of cocaine at Hilario Huerta's place of business on September 23, 2009, and the seizure of quantities of approximately 2 kilograms of cocaine traceable to Hilario Huerta's place of business from co-conspirators on February 5, 2010 and May 26, 2010;
5. That by virtue of the foregoing findings, **Huerta** would constitute a danger to the community if released;
6. That if convicted, **Huerta** faces certain deportation and will be unable to apply for reentry to the United States for at least 5 years following his release and probably much longer if not for the rest of his life;
7. That by virtue of the finding No. 6, **Huerta** would pose a substantial risk of flight if released;
8. That **Huerta's** evidence and proffer failed to rebut the presumption created by 18 U.S.C. §3142(e);
9. That the credible evidence and information submitted establishes by clear and convincing evidence that there is no condition or combination of conditions which could be imposed upon **Huerta** by this Court to reasonably assure the safety of the community if he were released.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that **Ricardo Huerta** be, and he is hereby, **COMMITTED** to the custody of the Attorney General or his designated representative for confinement in a corrections facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal.

It is further **ORDERED** that **Ricardo Huerta SHALL** be afforded a reasonable opportunity for private consultation with defense counsel.

It is further **ORDERED** that upon Order of a Court of the United States or upon request of an attorney for the Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility **SHALL** deliver **Ricardo Huerta** to the United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a Court proceeding.

DONE at Galveston, Texas, this _____ 4th _____ day of January, 2011.



John R. Froeschner
United States Magistrate Judge